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SUBJECT: VERESHCHETIN COMMENTS ON DRAFT AGREEMENT
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FOR SCICOUN FROM ZOOK

1. YOU MIGHT TAKE EARLY OPPORTUNITY TO TELL VERESHCHETIN
OUR PROPOSAL FOR POSSIBLE MUTUAL ACCOMMODATION OF PAYLOADS
WAS NOT INTENDED TO INTRODUCE A NEW ELEMENT IN THE BILATERAL
COOPERATIVE EFFORT NOR DO WE THINK IT DOES (PARAS 1 OF
REFTELS). THERE WAS SPECIFIC DISCUSSION OF THE POSSIBILITY
OF MUTUAL ACCOMMODATION OF PAYLOADS IN ONE ANOTHER'S
SPACECRAFT AT THE TALKS LAST OCTOBER AND ACADEMICIAN PETROV
STATED HIS EXPECTATION THAT ANY US PAYLOADS ACCEPTED FOR
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FLIGHT IN SOVIET SPACECRAFT WOULD BE MONITORED BY SOVIET
PERSONNEL. MOREOVER, A PARALLEL UNDERSTANDING WAS DISCUSSED
AND AGREED UPON IN PRINCIPLE AS FAR BACK AS EARLY 1974 IN
EXCHANGE OF LETTERS BETWEEN NASA'S DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR LOW
AND USSR ACADEMY PRESIDENT KELDYSH CONCERNING THE FIRST
EXTENSION OF THE NASA/ACADEMY 1971 AGREEMENT. IN HIS LETTER
OF 5 FEBRUARY 1974, KELDYSH RESPONDED POSITIVELY TO LOW'S

PROPOSAL FOR MUTUAL ACCOMMODATION OF EXPERIMENTS ON

SPACECRAFT, STATING THAT "WE HAVE IN MIND THAT THE DISCUSSION OF SPECIFIC PROPOSALS ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF COOPERATION, INCLUDING POSSIBLE PROPOSALS ON THE CONDUCT OF EXPERIMENTS OF ONE SIDE ON THE SPACECRAFT OF THE OTHER SIDE, COULD BE CONDUCTED WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE JOINT WORKING GROUPS..." THIS AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE HAS BEEN ALREADY TRANSLATED INTO PRACTICE IN SOVIET ACCOMMODATION OF US EXPERIMENTS ON SOVIET BIOSATELLITE.

2. THE PROVISION ADDED TO THE DRAFT AGREEMENT IS INTENDED SIMPLY TO EXTEND THIS PRINCIPLE WITHOUT COMMITMENT. IT CALLS ONLY FOR "CONSIDERATION" OF MUTUAL ACCOMMODATION OF PAYLOADS IF THEY ARE OF MUTUAL VALUE AND INTEREST, BUT DOES NOT IMPOSE ANY OBLIGATION OR REPRESENT ANY COMMITMENT.

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